

REMARKS

The above Preliminary Amendment was made to introduce a Substitute Specification. No new matter is introduced by the amendment and entry thereof is requested. A marked up copy and a clean copy of the Specification is enclosed herewith.

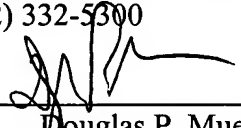
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 371-5237.



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